

## **Homewood Parks and Recreation Board**

The Homewood Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, October 7, 2025, in the Conference Room at the Homewood Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:14pm.

### **Board Members present:**

Ms. Jennifer Chadha – Chairman  
Mr. Jeremy Bernstein  
Ms. Aracely Favre  
Ms. Jennifer Hardin  
Mr. Vernell McDonald  
Mr. Todd Miner  
Dr. Robert Sellers

### **Board Members absent:**

Mr. Joe Leavens  
Dr. Allison Litton

### **Staff members present:**

Mr. Berkley Squires – City Services Director  
Mr. Rusty Holley – Superintendent, Administration & Parks  
Mr. Jakob Stephens – Superintendent, Athletics & Aquatics  
Ms. Nakeia Sims – Administrative Supervisor

### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mr. Squires.

### **MINUTES**

*September Park Board Meeting Minutes* – A motion to approve the September 2025, Park Board meeting minutes as written was made by Dr. Sellers and seconded by Ms. Hardin. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

No comments

### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

No comments

## **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

#### **PR31 – Homewood Patriot Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues – Annual Report**

A motion to approve the Homewood Patriot Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues' annual report was made by Ms. Hardin and seconded by Mr. McDonald. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

### **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

#### **F472 – Exceptional Foundation November 2025 Calender**

A motion to approve the Exceptional Foundation's November 2025 Calendar was made by Mr. Bernstein and seconded by Mr. Miner. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

#### **F473 – National MS Society – MS Walk 2026**

A motion to approve the National MS Society, MS Walk 2026 was made by Ms. Hardin and seconded by Ms. Chadha. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

National MS Society  
MS Walk 2026  
Saturday, March 28, 2026  
Homewood Central Park

#### **F474 – Rotary Club of Homewood – Holiday Tree Tour**

A motion to approve the Rotary Club of Homewood Holiday Tree Tour was made by Ms. Chadha and seconded by Mr. Bernstein. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Rotary Club of Homewood  
Holiday Tree Tour  
November 22, 2025, through December 31, 2025  
Homewood Central Park

## **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PO6 – Park Board 2025-2026 Operations and Capital Budget**

Mr. Squires presented to the Park Board the 2025-2026 Operations and Capital Budgets that were approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Squires reported the 2025-2026 Operations Budget in the amount of \$6,974,799.00. A motion to approve the Park's 2025-2026 Operating Budget was made by Mr. Miner and seconded by Mr. Bernstein. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Mr. Squires then reported the 2025-2026 Capital Budget in the amount of \$651,507.00. A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Capital Budget was made by Ms. Chadha and seconded by Mr. McDonald. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Form Nominating Committee for 2025 Park Board Assignments**

Mr. Squires informed the Park Board that they need to form a nominating committee, consisting of the current Chairman and two existing board members. The nominating committee will recommend Park Board leadership positions to serve the 2026 calendar year.

Ms. Chadha, Dr. Sellers and Ms. Hardin were selected to form the nominating committee. All board members present approved of the nominating committee members.

### **Park Board Bylaws**

Mr. Squires updated the Board on the progress of the Bylaws revision project. He noted that a draft of the updated Bylaws is expected to be ready for the Board's review at the November meeting.

### **Recognition of Service**

Mr. Squires expressed his appreciation to outgoing City Council Member and Park Board Liaison, Ms. Barry Smith, for her years of dedicated service to the City of Homewood, the Park Board, and its citizens. He commended Ms. Smith for her leadership and commitment to advancing parks and recreation initiatives throughout the community. In recognition of her contributions, Mr. Squires presented Ms. Smith with a plaque on behalf of the Park Board as a token of appreciation for her years of service.

## **UPCOMING PARK BOARD MEETINGS**

### **November Committee Meetings:**

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Homewood Community Center – Conference Room

Facilities Committee – 5:30 p.m.

Programs Committee – to immediately follow facilities meeting.

**November Park Board Meeting:**

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Homewood Community Center – Conference Room

6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the October meeting was made by Ms. Hardin and seconded by Mr. Miner.

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:38 p.m.